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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO/SB/08a together with the references as stated in the specification.

- EP 299 358 B1 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 93 14 720 U1 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

- EP 713 746 B1 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- Patent Abstracts of Japan vol. 2000, no. 04, dated August 31, 2000 and JP 2000

000612 discloses a method for continuously welding strip steel sheet in longitudinal direction and continuous welding equipment. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 4 and further cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 and 2. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 40 22 062 discloses a strip guide for butt welding along edge, it uses sensors along length for control changing axial position of deflection rollers. The reference has been cited under Category Y as being relevant to International claims 1 and 2 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 3. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 198 52 462 discloses previous methods for producing a profile section with varying wall thicknesses such as extrusion molding, extrusion drawing or rolling are expensive and do not meet modern requirements in terms of dimensional accuracy. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 2. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- EP 0 299 358 discloses a device for continuous welding of strips and/or sheet metal. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract. This reference has been previously cited above.

- DE 93 14 720. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4. No translation is available at this time. This reference has been

previously cited above.

- U.S. 3,109,914.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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